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1-NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON POST -- OBERDORFER FROM GENEVA

LEAD: "DESPITE MAJOR POLITICAL DIFFERENCES AND A CLIMATE OF TENSION, SECSTATE VANCE AND SOVIET FONMIN GROMYKO SAID YESTERDAY THEY HAVE CREATED A BASIS FOR NARROWING THE GAP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS."

OTHER POINTS:

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BOTH WERE CAREFUL NOT TO CLAIM ACHIEVEMENTS ON ANY NRESOLVED POINTS OR EVEN TANGIBLE PROGRESS. THEIR RELATIVELY HOPEFUL REMARKS WERE SIGNS THAT THEY WERE TRYING TO PREVENT FURTHER DETERIORATION IN US-SOVIET RELATIONS.

-AFTERWARDS VANCE MET WITH MRS. SHCHARANSKY AND REPORTEDLY TOLD HER THAT THE US WOULD DO EVERYTHING

POSSSIBLE TO TO OBTAIN HER HUSBAND.S FREEDOM AND THAT THESE EFFORTS WOULD NOT BE HELD UP BY ANY NEGOTIATIONS

WITH THE USSR.

-AT A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE THE FOLLOWING POINTS
WERE MADE BY VANCE AND GROMYKO:
-BOTH SIDES PRESENTED "NEW IDEAS"
-THEY WILL MEET AGAIN IN THE FALL
-VANCE HOPES TO COMPLETE SALT THIS YEAR; GROMYKO
SAID THE "SOONER THE BETTER."
-GROMYKO ONCE AGAIN REFUSED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE
TRIALS OF THE DISSIDENTS.
-THE TWO DISCUSSED THE DISSIDENTS ONLY IN THEIR
PRIVATE SESSIONS.
-US OFFICIALS SAID THAT COMPLETION OF SALT IS NOT
LIKELY BEFORE THE FALL ELECTIONS.
-THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE TALKS WAS THE TESTING AND
DEPLOYMENT OF NEW MISSILE SYSTEMS. THERE WAS RELATIVELY
LITTLE TALK ON THE MAP SYSTEM.
-ADDITIONAL ISSUES DISCUSSED WERE CTB, THE MIDDLE
EAST, AND AFRICA.

NYT -- GWERTZMAN FROM GENEVA

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE AND SOVIET FONMIN GROMYKO WERE
UNABLE IN THEIR TALKS HERE TO RESOLVE TWO MAJOR ISSUES
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OBSTRUCTING A NEW STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TREATY,
BUT THEY DID AGREE THAT .NEW IDEAS. THEY DISCUSSED
PROVIDED A BASIS FOR POSSIBLE BREAKTHROUGH LATER."

OTHER POINTS:

-AT A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE, VANCE AND GROMKO
SEEMED TO GO OUT OF THEIR WAY TO PUT THE BEST POSSIBLE
FACE ON THEIR MEETINGS. HOWEVER, THERE WAS STRAIN CAUSED
BY THE TRIALS AND CONFUSION OVER THE YOUNG REMARKS.
-THE TWO AGREED THAT THE TALKS WERE USEFUL AND HAD
NARROWED THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THEM. THEY STRESSED
THE IMPORTANCE OF A NEW SALT TREATY TO THE WORLD.
THEY TRIED TO LEAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT PROGRESS HAD
BEEN MADE AT THIS MEETING.
-VANCE MET WITH MRS. SHCHARANSKY TO DEMONSTRATE
US CONCERN OVER THE TRIAL OF HER HUSBAND.
-THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE TALKS WAS THE TESTING AND
DEPLOYMENT OF NEW SYSTEMS. THRE US WANTS TO GO AHEAD
WITH THE TESTING OF THE MX AND WANTS TO HAVE THE OPTION
OF THE MAP SYSTEM. US OFFICIALS SAID THE DISCUSSIONS
ON THE FORMER WERE VERY INTENSE. ONE AIDE PREDICTED
AN ACCORD IN TWO MORE VANCE-GROMYKO MEETINGS - PERHAPS
BY OCTOBER.
-VANCE BELIEVES THAT THE DIFFERENCES OVER BACKFIRE
CAN ONLY BE RESOLVED AT A CARTER-BREZHNEV MEETING.

WSJ -- HOUSE FROM GENEVA

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE AND SOVIET FONMIN GROMYKO CONCLUDED TWO DAYS OF TALKS, AND IF ANY PROGRESS WAS MADE ON ARMS CONTROL, NEITHER SAID SO PUBLICLY."

OTHER POINTS:

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-NEITHER MINISTER CLAIMED THAT ANY IMPROVEMENT IN US-SOVIET RELATIONS; THE TWO CAUTIOUSLY SAID THE TALKS HAD BEEN USEFUL. THERE WAS NO TALK OF PROGRESS.
-VANCE SAID NEITHER OF THE MAJOR ISSUES HAD BEEN RESOLVED; THEREFORE, THE TWO WILL MEET AGAIN AT THE UNGA.
-BOTH EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR GOOD RELATIONS AND FOR A NEW SALT TREATY.
-GROMYKO STRUCK A CONCILIATORY TONE IN THE PRESS CONFERENCE AND IN HIS PREPARED STATEMENT. BUT THE TALKS DID NOT GO SO WELL AS THE PRESS CONFERENCE. NEITHER FOUND THE OTHER'S PROPOSALS IMMEDIATELY ACCEPTABLE.
-THE ATMOSPHERE WAS HEIGHTENED BY THE DISSIDENT TRIALS AND COMPLICATED BY YOUNG'S INTERVIEW.
AFTER A LUNCH WITH VANCE, YOUNG ISSUED A STATEMENT INTENDED TO CLARIFY HIS EARLIER REMARKS.
-IN THE DISCUSSIONS, BOTH SIDES PROPOSED NEW IDEAS AIMED AT RESOLVING THE ISSUE OF TESTING AND DEPLOYMENT OF NEW MISSILE SYSTEMS. US OFFICIALS SAID THAT THERE IS ROOM FOR COMPROMISE, BUT BOTH NEEDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE NEW PROPOSALS WITH THEIR LEADERS.
-BACKFIRE ISSUE CAN ONLY BE RESOLVED AT A SUMMIT MEETING ONCE THE OTHER ISSUES HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON.
-SENATE RATIFICATION OF A NEW TREATY DEPENDS UPON US RIGHT TO BUILD A NEW MISSILE SYSTEM.

CSM -- SOUTHERLAND FROM GENEVA

LEAD: "READING BETWEEN THE LINES OF DIPLOMATIC LANGUAGE, THE MAIN RESULTS OF TWO DAYS OF HIGH-LEVEL UNCLASSIFIED

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US-SOVIET TALKS SEEM TO BE THESE:
1. AN EXCHANGE OF NEW IDEAS FROM BOTH SIDES ON LIMITING NUCLEAR WEAPONS, BUT NO DEFINITE PROGRESS TOWARD A NEW SALT AGREEMENT.

2. COMPLETE DISAGREEMENT OVER THE HUMAN RIGHTS

ISSUE."

OTHER POINTS:

-THE TWO DID LEAVE REPORTERS WITH A GLIMMER OF HOPE THAT SALT COULD BE CONCLUDED BY THE END OF THE YEAR. HOWEVER, THIS WOULD DEPEND ON FURTHER EXCHANGES OF VIEWS.

-VANCE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT NEITHER BACKFIRE NOR TESTING AND DEPLOYMENT OF NEW MISSILES HAD BEEN RESOLVED.

-BOTH MEN STOPPED SHORT OF SAYING THAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE -- AS THEY HAD AFTER PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

-THE SOVIETS WERE APPARENTLY vexed by VANCE'S PROTESTS OVER THE TRIALS AND BY HIS MEETING WITH MRS. SHCHARANSKY. BUT THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT THIS HAD CAUSED THE SOVIETS TO ARDEN THEIR BARGAINING POSITION. US OFFICIALS SAID THAT SALT HAD REACHED THE STAGE WHERE HARD BARGAINING IS INEVITABLE.

BOSTON GLOBE -- NO BEECHER

BOSTON HERALD AMERICAN -- NO WALLACH

WASHINGTON STAR -- BRADSHER FROM GENEVA

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE AND SOVIET FONMIN GROMYKO BOTH TRY TO ACT LIKE COOL PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMATS IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH EACH OTHER."

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OTHER POINTS:

-THE TWO APPARENTLY SEE THEIR JOBS AS KEEPING RELATIONS ON AN EVEN KEEL REGARDLESS OF THE DISRUPTIVE PRESSURE OF EVENTS.

-THEY CAREFULLY AVOIDED ANY MENTION OF PROGRESS IN THE TALKS. HOWEVER, THIS MEETING WAS A HOLDING OPERATION WITHOUT ANY EXPECTATION OF PROGRESS.

-VANCE SAID THAT NEITHER OF THE TWO TOUGHEST ISSUES, BACKFIRE AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW MISSILES, WAS RESOLVED.

-THROUGHOUT THE MEETING, GROMYKO FLATLY REFUSED TO DISCUSS WITH REPORTER ;THE TRIALS OR RELATE THEM TO US-SOVIET RELATIONS. HE SAID THEY WERE AN INTERNAL QUESTION FOR THE SOVIET UNION TO DEAL ITH.

-AFTER HER MEETING WITH VANCE, MRS. SHCHARANSKY SAID HE HAD TOLD HER THAT HER HUSBAND'S TREATMENT WAS A VIOLATION OF THE HELSINKI ACCORDS. SHE SAID HE HAD DETAILED SOME

SPECIFIC STEPS THE US WOULD TAKE IN REGARD

TO HER HUSBAND AND THAT SHE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE MEETING. SHE ALSO MET WITH AMB. YOUNG; HE EXPLAINED HIS STATEMENTS TO HER.

2. WIRES

AP -- SCHWEID FROM GENEVA

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE KNEW THERE WAS NO WAY OF WRAPPING UP A SALT TREATY IN HIS TWO DAYS OF TALKS HERE WITH SOVIET FONMIN GROMYKO."

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- ISSUES WERE TOO COMPLEX AND DIFFERENCES TOO GREAT FOR RESOLUTION AT THIS MEETING. PLUS AFRICA AND THE TRIALS OF THE DISSIDENTS HAVE HARMED US-SOVIET RELATIONS.
- VANCE DID HAVE TWO ACCOMPLISHMENTS: MAKING CLEAR THE US RESERVATION OF THE MAP OPTION AND PRESENTING US VIEWS ON LIMITING THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SOVIET MISSILES.
- IN RETURN, VANCE WAS PRESENTED WITH "NEW IDEAS" BY THE SOVIETS.
- HOPES FOR A NEW TREATY BY THE END OF THE YEAR ARE VANISHING.
- BACKFIRE AND NEW MISSILES ARE THE REMAINING ISSUES.
- THE NEGOTIATORS TRIED TO KEEP THEIR HEADS ABOVE A RISING TIDE OF SUPERPOWER DISCORD.

UPI -- NO ANDERSON IN MORNING TAKE

REUTERS -- GUTMAN FROM BONN

LEAD: "THE US AND THE SOVIET UNION HAVE PUTR ASIDE THEIR WAR OF WORDS LONG ENOUGH TO EXCHANGE NEW PROPOSALS ON OVERCOMING THE LAST HURDLES TO A NEW SALT AGREEMENT."

OTHER POINTS:

- THE TALKS WERE INTERSPERSED WITH SOME BLUNT WORDS ON HUMAN RIGHTS.
- VANCE LATER ISSUED A STATEMENT ON THE GINZBURG SENTENCING.
- STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SEEMED RELIEVED THAT THE PROSECUTER DID NOT ASK FOR THE DEATH SENTENCE IN THE SHCHARANSKY TRIAL.

3. NETWORKS

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ABC - DUNSMORE FROM BONN

-SECRETARY VANCE AND SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO WOUND UP THEIR TWO DAY SESSION IN GENEVA SHORT OF A BREAK THROUGH ON A NEW STRATEGIC ARMS AGREEMENT BUT THEY EVIDENTLY DID MAKE PROGRESS IN SPITE OF THE CLOUD OVER THEIR MEEING CREATED BY THE DISSIDENT TR,ALS.

-BOTH SIDES PRESENTED NEW IDEAS ON HOW TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE OF RESTRICTIONS ON NEW MISSILE SYSTEMS AND BOTH SIDES STILL FEEL THEY CAN REACH A NEW AGREEMENT THIS YEAR.

-MEANWHILE UN AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG MADE AN APPEARANCE IN GENEVA YESTERDAY READING A STATEMENT ON ORDERS FROM VANCE REPUDIATING THE INTERVIEW IN WHICH HE SAID THE US TOO, HAD POLITICAL PRISONERS.

-ON THE FLIGHT HERE TO BONN SECRETARY VANCE ISSUED A STATEMENT ON THE SENTENCING OF ALEXANDER GIN-BURG. VANCE SAID HE WAS DEEPLY DISTRESSED BY THE HEAVY SENTENCE AND HE CALLED GINSBURG A SYMBOL OF COURAGE WHOSE ONLY CRIME HAD BEEN TO HELP OTHERS WHO SOUGHT FREEDOM TO SURVIVE.

CBS RADIO - KALB FROM BONN

-ON HIS WAY HERE, SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE ISSUED A STATEMENT CONDEMNING THE SENTENCING OF ALEXANDER GINSBURG. VANCE WHO HAD JUST COMPLETED TWO DAYS OF TALKS WITH SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO SAID HE WAS 'DEEPLY DISTRESSED BY THE HEAVY SENTENCE.' GINSBURG, VANCE CONTINUED, "HAS BECOME KNOWN AS A SYMBOL OF SELFLESS COURAGE AND DEDICATION TO PRINCIPLE. FOR THESE QUALITIES HE HAS THE RESPECT OF ALL OF US."

-VANCE MET FOR THIRTY MINUTES WITH MRS. AVITAL SHCHARANSKY AND TOLD HER THAT THE US GOVERNMENT WOULD DO EVERYTHING IN IT'S POWER TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF HER HUSBAND AND THAT

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THIS EFFORT WOULD CONTINUE NO MATTER WHAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH RUSSIA WERE UNDERWAY. THE SECRETARY OBVIOUSLY HAD IN MIND THE STRATEGIC ARMS TALKS, TWO DAYS OF WHICH, HE'S JUST CONCLUDED WITHOUT HAVING BROKEN THE DEADLOCK ON A NEW DEAL.

NBC - NOTHING ON VANCE. CHRISTOPHER

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